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THE CONTEST FOR DELEGATE.

The defeat of Wilcox by a decisive majority is quite within the power of the Republican and Democratic parties. Had these parties voted as one in 1900, the Home Rule nominee would have been swamped. His success was that of a plurality, not of a majority candidate. The number of votes cast for him for Delegate to the 55th Congress was 4108, but there was divided between his opponents 5501 votes, a difference against him of 1393. In other words, if the Republicans and Democrats had fused, and held their whole strength, Wilcox would have been defeated by nearly 1400 majority. There is no reason to think that losses by the fusion would have been at all important.

Again, if the Republicans had worked in harmony and if the business men had taken part in the contest, the Republican vote could have been made much larger at the expense of the Home Rule vote. But schemes were laid which naturally imposed no duties of harmony upon the friends of the Republican Territorial administration and the canvass was influenced by political rancor and resentments. Moreover there was, among men of recognized influence, an unhealthful degree of apathy. The public was not really awake to the need of a competent Delegate nor were the width and depth of Wilcox's incompetence understood. Neither can it escape notice that many men of political standing were so busy making money in that prosperous time and so eager to make more, that they neglected the plain duties of politics. Hence we got Wilcox by the narrow chance of a plurality and the supplementary curse of a Home Rule Legislature elected by both pluralities and majorities.

Prospects have changed very much for the better in two years. There is a bolt in the Home Rule ranks led by an all of wide popularity; and the advocates of Wilcox are forced to explain as best they can, the failure of their leader to carry out his campaign pledges or to gain any kind of standing in Congress. In the Home Rule party, outside the bolting element, is a peculiar indifference and apathy. Republicans and Democrats are not nearly so intent as they were two years ago on party lines in local affairs but are coming together upon a platform of competence in office and good government for the people. Harmony is also growing between the two factions of the Republican party, and business men and other leaders of affairs, no longer absorbed in speculation, are so anxious to economize that they have developed a lively interest in the relation of politics to taxes. What is promised is an immense and general turn-out at the polls, anticipated by the hardest and most effective kind of campaign work. The enormous power of the employing class will be used as never before to get good government; the islands will be thoroughly organized; the anti-Wilcox men will mean business. Taking all this into consideration with the very marked increase, through immigration, of the Republican and Democratic strength, and the political doom of Wilcox and of the ideas he represents would seem to be as sure as anything in the future can be.

JUDICIAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

Judge Gear, in his charge to the Grand Jury, drew a herring bone across the scent. Speaking of the pass to which judicial expenditure has brought the courts he invited the Grand Jury to inspect his chambers (the official ones) and note the kind of furniture he had purchased. It was as if the whole blame for judicial extravagance had been laid to minor purchases of desks and chairs, when, as a matter of fact, the items were of a widely different character.

The piling up of court expenses in the recent past; the retention of three sets of court officers when only one court of the three is open at a time; the holding in place of juries at large cost when there was nothing for them to do; the obvious effort to make everything connected with the courts, especially stenography, cost three or four times more than they ought to—these are the main counts against two of the judges. There would have been a big furnishing bill besides except for a timely publication in the Advertiser. The evident plan behind all this outlay was to so use up the public funds as to increase the embarrassment of the Territory and compel the Governor to call an extra session.

We recur to this matter simply because Judge Gear has done so and to correct an impression which misleads. It is fair to say, however, that since the extra session idea has been disposed of, Judge Gear has developed an interest in public economy. His instructions to the Grand Jury are based upon the theory of public thrift. But unfortunately the past actions of the First and Second judges have reduced the judicial funds to a point where the administration of justice itself is imperiled.

Capt. Cluney has a card in another column which would be rather strong for a clergyman but which conveys the sentiments of an old seafarer with precision and force. No one will ask the Captain what he means to insinuate by it, and the chances are that nobody, whom he can get at, will ever again describe him as crawling out from under a table.

A CHOKED AND CONGESTED COURT.

The civil calendar of the First Circuit Court, which Judge Gear announces "will not be called this term," contains 327 cases, of which 231 are jury cases. After making liberal deductions for settlements, discontinuances and abbreviated trials experience has demonstrated that after allowing the necessary time for the trial of criminal cases, not more than four cases per week on an average can be disposed of, for be it remembered that in the foregoing enumeration equity cases and probate business—which can be disposed of in chambers—are not included. It will take eighty-two weeks, if nothing happens, for a law case filed today to reach the jury—not a promising outlook, certainly, for a plaintiff in an ejectment suit, where an insolvent defendant in possession is collecting rents. The conditions almost justify the conclusion reached by an aggrieved landowner, who recently consulted a prominent attorney. "You say," said the client, "that my case is absolutely clear; that the defendant is a naked trespasser without any shadow of claim; yet there he is occupying the cabin and cultivating a garden on my land. The place is worth fifty dollars a month to me, and the defendant is not worth fifty cents. How long before I can get a final judgment from the Supreme Court putting me in possession? Between two and three years, do you say? Thank you, I believe I will not trouble the courts, at least not as plaintiff. I will hire a couple of stalwarts to improve my place by fixing up the stone walls and digging up the lan-tana, and I will instruct them to incidentally grub up the defendant's garden patch and throw him and his tools and bedding into the road. Then he can do the jawing and the lawing and the waiting, don't you see?"

The dreadful tragedy on the four-masted schooner Fred J. Wood leaves a widow to whom the kind offices of Christian women would no doubt be grateful. Mrs. Jacobson has had an experience which would make most women insane, but has borne it with a fortitude which is not the least among her titles to sympathy and help. To take her from the scene of the murder of her husband and surround her and her little ones with the evidences of friendship would seem to be a service which any Christian woman of means and adaptability should be only too willing to render.

According to the new Wilcox paper, John Emmeluth has been formally read out of the Home Rule party. Mr. Emmeluth was, with Senator Russell, the most intelligent of the Home Rule leaders in the last Legislature and the most dangerous to the other side. This brought upon him the jealousy of the Home Rule element and now he is told that his room is better than his company. Senator Russell may be prepared to receive a similar notice.

The experience of all boom towns of the Pacific coast has been that when times get hard and rents low, cheap tenements are sure to take fire.

NOTICE.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE presents: That we, the undersigned, have this day, by mutual consent, dissolved the partnership, heretofore known as the PEOPLE'S EXPRESS & DRAY COMPANY, of Honolulu. M. T. Marshall will hereafter conduct the business alone, under the name of the PEOPLE'S EXPRESS COMPANY, at the old stand, 137 Merchant St., Honolulu. Telephone Main 250. All bills due the late firm shall be paid to H. W. Green, who will pay all claims against the same. (Signed) W. O. BARNHART, (Signed) M. T. MARSHALL. 6249

PACIFIC LODGE NO. 822 A. F. & A. M.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL meeting of Pacific Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Masonic Temple, this (Wednesday) evening, August 29, at 7:30 o'clock. WORK IN THE FIRST DEGREE. Members of Hawaiian Lodge, Lodge Le Progress, and all sojourning brethren are fraternally invited to attend. By order of the R. W. M. C. F. MURRAY, Secretary.

Catholic Benevolent Union of Hawaii.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF the Catholic Benevolent Union of Hawaii will be held this (Wednesday) evening at the Union Hall, Catholic Mission grounds. All members are requested to be present. F. D. CREEDON, Recording Secretary.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO ME are hereby notified that I will leave Hawaii for the mainland about Nov. 15th, to remain an indefinite time, and that all accounts MUST BE SETTLED either by cash or by note on or before Oct. 31, 1902. If not settled suit will be brought. DR. NOBLITT, Honolulu, July 29, 1902. 6254

Theosophical Society MR. THOMAS PRIME Will hold a Question Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 7, 1902, 8 P. M. At ARION HALL (Back of Opera House.) Regular Members' Meeting Tuesdays at 7:45 P. M. A cordial welcome extended to all. Library open Fridays at 3:30 P. M. MARY D. HENDRICKS, President, Aloha Branch, T. S.

SHOWING BY OAHU TRUSTEES

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valuation upon the unsold portion as a whole because he was not familiar with the property.

The tax assessor's claim was, that he is entitled to estimate the value of property for taxation purposes at the figure set upon it by the owner.

An interesting question was raised in regard to the college property at Miller and Vineyard streets, which had been returned for taxation at \$1,920 and which had been increased to \$46,000. Professor French, principal of Punahou Preparatory School, testified that the property had been used by the school during the year. Property used for educational purposes is exempt from taxation under the statute. Attorney Wilder who appeared for the assessor asked that the court rule out all the evidence given by Mr. French on the ground that the college was not entitled to any exemption, having failed to claim it in the return to the assessor. He argued that the return of the property at \$1,920 was evidence that the trustees had not intended to claim the exemption, and they could not make any deduction unless shown in the return. Mr. Judd claimed that the assessor could at any time allow a return to be amended. The court reserved its decision until today.

Regarding the Manoa pasture tract of land of 135 acres, which had been increased from \$3,500 to \$4,200 by the assessor, there was evidence that the land was steep, inaccessible and of no value for cultivation, and worth little for pasturage.

The Henry Smith case and one or two other small appeals were also disposed of by the court.



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- 2-RUNNING RACE—1 mile dash. Hawaiian bred. \$100.
- 3-THREE-FOURTHS MILE DASH—Free for all, barring Mollie Connors. \$150.
- 4-Roxalia. 2-Jennie E. 3-Amarino.
- 4-SPECIAL TROTTING AND PACING—2 in 3, named horses. \$200.
- 1-Grand Pa. 2-Faro Bank. 3-McKinley.
- 5-RUNNING RACE—1 Mile dash, free for all. \$150.
- 6-THREE-EIGHTHS MILE DASH—Free for all, barring Mollie Connors. \$100.
- 7-TROTTING AND PACING—Best 2 in 3, 2:40 class named. \$150.
- W. T. Robinson, Columbia Maid; C. Bellina. —; W. Lucas. —.
- 8-THREE-FOURTHS MILE RUNNING RACE—Named horses. \$100.
- 1-Jennie E. 2-Black Bess. 3-Brunner. 4-Maui Rose.
- 9-POLO PONY CUP. \$50.
- Conditions as previously advertised.
- 10-JAPANESE RUNNING RACE—\$75. Conditions as previously advertised. \$50 to first, \$25 to second.

Entries close with Secretary 12 m., August 7th. Horses must be drawn 12 m., on Aug. 11th.

All races under California Jockey Club rules and P. H. B. & T. Association. D. L. MEYERS, Secretary M. R. A. 6255

WAIHEA SUGAR MILL CO.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special meeting of the WAIHEA SUGAR MILL COMPANY has been called by the President, to be held in the assembly hall over the offices of Castle & Cooke, Ltd., in Honolulu, Oahu, on Thursday, August 14th, 1902, at 10 a. m., to consider an important communication from the agents. E. D. TENNEY, Secretary Waiheea Sugar Mill Co. Honolulu, H. T., July 20th, 1902. 6255

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